



**Loudoun County**  
**Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency**  
**Management**  
**INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN**

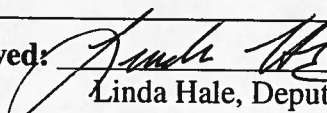


**Subject:** Use of Needle Safe Devices

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**PERSONNEL AFFECTED:**

All locally authorized EMS personnel.

**INFORMATION:**

The Department is committed to creating a safe work environment and will be moving towards eliminating needles and sharps in as many procedures as possible. In order to meet this OSHA mandated effort to minimize risk of sharp-related injuries and exposures, the department is providing needle-safe devices to be used whenever possible.

**Lancets**

Everyone should be using some type of Safety Lancet. Logistics has distributed the Genie™ Lancet to be used by providers. If your glucometer does not have safety lancets, please contact Logistics.



**Multi-Dose Vial Adapters**

In the last couple of weeks, Logistics distributed Baxa® Multi-dose vial adapters. These adapters are designed to clip on to the top of a vial and then allow the attachment of a leuer lock syringe and draw up the medication. Two sizes are available.



### **Micro Pin blunt cannula**

This device is to be used for drawing medications from vials in which the Baxa adapters do not fit. This includes medications such as Solu-Medrol and certain controlled substances such as Morphine and Diazepam.



### **Filter Straws**

This device is to be used when drawing medications from glass ampules such as Epinephrine 1;1,000 or Amiodarone.



Providers should begin using these devices as they become available. At this time these items are not re-stocked in the Emergency Department. Any of the above items should be obtained from Logistics.

These devices were selected on recommendations from providers. We are looking for feedback on how well these devices are working. Individuals may provide written feedback and send it to [DEPT-F&RSERV-EMSBC@loudoun.gov](mailto:DEPT-F&RSERV-EMSBC@loudoun.gov).

Any questions, please contact one of the EMS BCs.